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SUBJ: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. NEGOTIATIONS STARTED OFF WITH DISCUSSION FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS ON EACH SIDE. AFTER BOTH SIDES MADE WELL-KNOWN ARGUMENTS, BARDEL STATED THAT IT WAS NOW GOB POLICY NOT TO GRANT FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS TO OUTSIDERS BETWEEN BARBADOS AND ALL ISLANDS IN LESSER ANTILLES (INCLUDING TRINIDAD, BUT EXCLUDING CURACAO, ARUBA, ST. MAARTEN AND BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS), GUYANA, AND JAMAICA. DEVELOPMENT OF CARICOM WAS CITED A REASON FOR THIS NEW POLICY OF TREATING THESE RIGHTS AS REGIONAL CABOTAGE. WHEN PRESSED WHY MARTINIQUE AND GUADELOUPE INCLUDED, BARDEL IMPLIED FIFTH FREEDOM PROTECTION HERE MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY.

2. USDEL SAID THIS POSITION MADE IT NECESSARY REASSESS ENTIRE SITUATION, SINCE US COULD NOT IN AN AGREEMENT GIVE UP RIGHTS WHICH WERE ESSENTIAL TO OPERATION VIABLE US AIRLINE SERVICES IN CARIBBEAN.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE OF COURSE THAT BARDEL CAN AND WILL STILL BARGAIN RE THESE RIGHTS, BUT ITS POSITION APPEARS UNEQUIVOCAL THAT THESE PURPORTED "REGIONAL CABOTAGE" RIGHTS (EXCEPT POSSIBLY FOR MARTINIQUE AND GUADELOUPE) CANNOT BE BOUGHT AT ANY PRICE. WE WILL CONTINUE PROBE, BUT IF BARDEL POSITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REMAINS SAME, IT IS EVIDENT AGREEMENT IS NOT IN SIGHT.

4. NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.
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